

SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO AS TRANSITION

Subject: French

Title: Investigating a French Musician and a French speaking country

Task(s):

- 1) Do some research into a musician whose songs are mainly or totally produced in French. Write 100-200 words in French about them. You could include some of the following information:

- Personal details including family background
- Start to their musical career
- Who have they been influenced by?
- What type of songs do they sing? Can you describe their music?
- Biggest hit/most famous song
- Collaborations with other artists
- Future plans
- Your opinion of the artist

Please make sure you include some examples of past and future time frames eg perfect tense/imperfect tense/aller+infinitive/future tense.

Please handwrite this unless you typed on your GCSE French writing paper.

- 2) Choose a non-European French speaking country. If you don't know what to choose try the list of members here: [88 Etats et gouvernements | Organisation internationale de la Francophonie](#)

Answer the following questions in English in full sentences. Please answer in your own words - **do not cut and paste from Wikipedia or other websites.**

- a) What sort of constitution does the country have? Is it a democracy and/or monarchy and/or dictatorship?
- b) When do most people consider the country was founded and how or by whom?
- c) What is the capital city? Is this the biggest city? If not which city is?
- d) How many inhabitants does the country have?
- e) What is the link to France? Why does this country have French speaking inhabitants or a French speaking community? Does it have a colonial past? What is the longstanding effect, if so?
- f) Does this country have natural resources which are exported or used in manufacturing?
- g) Does this country have tourist attractions? What sort of visitors do they attract?
- h) Is this country considered wealthy? Does it have significant levels of deprivation? Does it rely on international aid or does it aid other countries?
- i) Is this country suffering significantly from the effects of climate change? If so, what is it doing to counter this?
- j) How does this country see its future?

How long should I spend on this? About 4 to 5 hours overall including research and writing.

How will I get feedback? Please hand your work in in the first timetabled lesson – it will be marked and returned with comments.

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